

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BROOKS-CORK LIBRARY
Facts and Figures relevant to Collection Development
11/19/98

1. Statistical reports on circulation and cataloging are available online at any time (beginning Fall 1994) for any time period. A yearly report (October 1, 1997–September 30, 1998) was printed and reviewed for this summary. Chief findings are indicated below.
2. The use count in all major patron classes increased at least 100% in all categories (with student patrons increasing 122%). These included full-time faculty, part-time faculty, students, and support staff.
3. The combined increase in use count for faculty, staff, and administrators was 316.4%.
4. The following use counts were the total for the year.

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| AV | Main Library | 1991 (597AV +1394 EQ) |
| | Fredd | 373 (15 AV + 358 EQ) |
| BKS | Main Library | 5371 + 804 BS + 49 REF (47% increase; after +48% last yr.) |
| | Fredd | 235 + 0 BS + 7 REF (119% increase; +73% last yr.) |
| RES | Main Library | 7941 (151%increase; after +234% last yr.) |
| | Fredd | 5 |
| VF | Main Library | 845 (44.2% increase) |

Total circulation all items, both campuses = 17,512 (+117% increase, but includes AV, which was not included for all months in previous year).

Per capita circulation, however, was only 2.73 (each possible user CKO'd 2.73 books last year). This is not significantly different than circulation prior to the implementation of Shelby.

The turnover rate was 6.58 (# vols. / # circulated). This is a 49% increase over our turnover rate ten years ago in 1988-89 (4.43).

5. The most significant circulation increases over the past year were:

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|---|-----------------------|--------|--------------|
| D | History, General | +498% | (88 to 526) |
| E | American History | +1213% | (54 to 709) |
| F | Geography, Recreation | +767% | (16 to 166) |
| K | Law | +717% | (12 to 98) |
| R | Medicine | +277% | (127 to 475) |

6. The most significant circulation decreases over the past year were:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|------|--------------|
| A | General Works | -33% | (27 to 18) |
| C | Archaeology, Biography | -96% | (707 to 29) |
| J | Political Science | -30% | (124 to 87) |
| M | Music | -47% | (132 to 70) |
| Q | Science | -33% | (547 to 367) |

7. A review of aging and decrease in circulation shows no real connection (i.e., many of the areas with significant increases show the same aging as those that with significant decreases). There are slightly higher numbers of newer titles in the areas with the most significant increases.

8. In general, the book collection aging is as follows:

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|---------------|---|--------------------|
| 0-4 yrs. old | = | 2% (638 titles) |
| 5-10 yrs. old | = | 10% (2905 titles) |
| 11+ yrs. old | = | 87% (24801 titles) |
| ? age | = | 1% (255 titles) |

In general, Reference collection aging is as follows:

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|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 0-4 yrs. old | = | 12% (627 titles) |
| 5-10 yrs. old | = | 21% (1121 titles) |
| 11+ yrs. old | = | 65% (3483 titles) |
| ? age | = | 3% (143 titles) |

In general, AV collection aging is as follows:

| | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| 0-4 yrs. old | = | 10% (10 titles) |
| 5-10 yrs. old | = | 33% (572 titles) |
| 11+ yrs. old | = | 51% (873 titles) |
| ? age | = | 6% (95 titles) |

In general, VF collection aging is as follows:

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|---------------|---|-------------------|
| 0-4 yrs. old | = | 25% (659 titles) |
| 5-10 yrs. old | = | 4% (98 titles) |
| 11+ yrs. old | = | 2 % (40 titles) |
| ? age | = | 69% (1812 titles) |

9. Last year, we bought a total of 1023 books for both campuses. We bought 132 circulating and 87 reference books for the Fredd Campus Branch with Title III funds. We bought 453 books and 351 reference books for the main campus with institutional funds. Institutional purchases averaged \$51.00 each.

10. We can anticipate level funding in books for the next five years, with \$ 41,000 total for standing orders and all other books. This year, we anticipate \$14,000 in standing orders

and \$27,000 in new titles.

We can anticipate level funding in periodicals, AV, etc. Without additional funds, we will have to cancel subscriptions in order to make any changes.